

## REMARKS

### Status of Claims

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claim 1 remains as originally submitted and Claims 2-7 have been added as new. Claims 1-8 remain for consideration upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment. No new matter has been added.

### Request for Entry of Preliminary Amendment

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments are fully supported by the priority document, namely, Provisional Patent Application 60/449,336. The Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to put the application in condition for examination. Applicant hereby requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment and examination of the application on its merits.

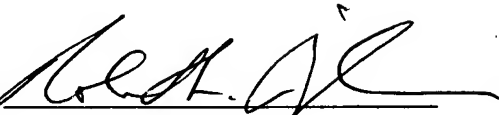
### Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

A check in the amount of \$88 is enclosed for the fee for the additional claims. If additional charges are incurred with respect to this Amendment, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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